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1. Nearly 30 per cent of the members of the Partido Comunista de España (PCE) inside Spain were expelled from the Party between late March and late September 1951 as a result of the activities of the newly-organized purging committee.¹ In most cases the PCE has not notified the victims of their expulsion from the Party. A number of the expelled members continue to pay dues to the PCE.
2. In mid-October [REDACTED] the PCE inside Spain was undergoing a purge. A high percentage of the members already had been expelled from the Party, according to source.
3. The PCE is planning to disband its guerrilla brigades inside Spain. The brigades will be reorganized into an intelligence network which will concentrate its efforts in Spanish ports. The primary mission of the new intelligence network will be to report the arrival of American war material in Spain. Enrique LISTER Forjan, Juan MODESTO Guilloto, and Juan "Cesar" FLAZQUEZ Arroyo are in charge of the new intelligence service.
4. Prior to the roundup of the pro-PCE faction of the Partido Socialista Unificado de Catalunya in Barcelona in July 1951,² the Party had been on the point of establishing an intelligence network in the Barcelona Port area. Gregorio LOPEZ Raimundo, the leader of the PSUC, had received instructions to initiate such activity, which he himself was to have headed.
5. As a result of police repression the majority of the political cadres of the PCE in Spain have been destroyed. The Party no longer offers political opposition to the FRANCO regime.
6. The Madrid area is the only sector in which the PCE displays any activity. How-

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ever, the Party is experiencing some difficulty in persuading ex-guerrillas to go to the Madrid area, because the police there are more alert than in other areas. The efforts of the Party in Madrid consist mainly of the distribution of propaganda and the publication of Mundo Obrero. Activities in Madrid are under the direction of Enrique LISTER Forjan.

7. The Communist guerrilla organization in Galicia has been effectively destroyed by the police. Ninety per cent of the guerrillas who operated in Galicia belonged to the PCE. The other ten per cent were supported by the Party. A woman teacher in Lugo known to the guerrillas as Senorita LOPEZ controlled the non-Communist guerrillas. She had been chosen for the post by the Communist leader Santiago CARRILLO Solares. Police penetration of the party in Galicia was attributed to her, as was similar penetration in other localities to other CARRILLO appointees.
8. The PCE is seriously disturbed by the activities of the COMORERA faction of the PSUC. Until a short time ago a portion of the funds at the disposal of the PCE came from Catalan nationals in Montevideo, Uruguay. Subsequently, Joan COMORERA Soler persuaded the Catalans in Uruguay to put their funds at his disposal. COMORERA is carrying out similar negotiations with Catalan nationals in Mexico.
9. The Communists inside Spanish prisons are now isolated from other prisoners and find it more difficult to carry on political proselyting.

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